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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller)

Mr. Charles E. Cook III, is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller) and began serving in this position in September 2011. In this capacity he assists in the oversight of budget formulation and execution, financial reporting, and cost estimating for the Department of the Navy.

Mr. Cook entered the Senior Executive Service in June 1995. He has spent over 30 years supporting the Department of Defense's financial management community in various commands since 1978. Prior to his current position, from September 2001 to September 2011, Mr. Cook served as the Assistant Deputy Commandant (Programs and Resources); and Assistant Deputy Commandant (Resources), United States Marine Corps. He was responsible for formulating fiscal principles and policies and prescribing procedures and systems which exercised effective controls over financial operations of the Marine Corps in the functional areas of budget, accounting and finance, and audit and review.

During 1999-2001, Mr. Cook served as the Deputy Director, Military Construction in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD(C)). In this position he oversaw budget-related issues for National Foreign Intelligence Programs, military construction, family housing construction and operations, and base realignment and closure (BRAC) activities. In 1996-1999, he was the Associate Director, Active Forces Operations, OUSD(C) overseeing budget formulation and execution of the active forces. Mr. Cook reviewed contingency cost operations and participated in interagency working groups on issues involving the Foreign Assistance Act and Interagency support during multi-agency operations. As the Acting Deputy Director, Program and Financial Control, OUSD(C), from 1995-1996, Mr. Cook assured the timely processing and control of program budget decisions and oversaw database reconciliations to remain within DOD funding limits.

Between 1978-1995, Mr. Cook held career enhancing positions which included: OUSD(C) analyst for Active Force logistics, supply and maintenance programs and was DoD's outlay czar during the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings era in the early 1990's; Budget Director for operation and maintenance (O&M) programs for the Naval Space Warfare Systems Command; Department of the Navy co-analyst for all U.S. Navy logistics, supply, maintenance, and administrative programs; budget and execution branch head for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)

Fleet Modernization Program; and lead analyst for NAVSEA O&M programs. Mr. Cook was also a Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, Defense Subcommittee, on a rotational assignment. He reviewed defense communications/electronics procurement programs, was involved in committee mark-ups and conferences, prepared legislation, and coordinated hearings for the Chairman.

Mr. Cook holds a bachelor's of science. degree in accounting from Northeastern University in Boston, MA, and has been an active member in the American Society of Military Comptrollers.